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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR

SUBJECT: DAKAR TOAST

1. THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, CLEARED WITH AID AND S/P, IS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN TOAST OR OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT IN DAKAR TO FOCUS ADDITIONAL ATTENTION ON US ASSISTANCE TO SAHEL:

2. QUOTE: AS WE ALL ARE AWARE, DROUGHT CAN UNDERMINE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SENEGAL AND OTHER SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. DURING THE RECENT EMERGENCY IT BECAME CLEAR TO MY GOVERNMENT THAT THE SAHEL WILL REMAIN EXPOSED TO RECURRENT DISASTER UNLESS A MAJOR EFFORT IS MADE TO TRANSFORM THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION FROM A STATE OF CHRONIC EXTERNAL DEPENDENCE TO ONE OF PERMANENT VIABILITY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS QUADRUPLED ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHEL STATES SINCE THE LATE SIXTIES; BUT A
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VERY SUBSTANTIAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENT PROGRAM IS NECESSARY

IF REAL PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE TOWARD SELF-SUSTAINED GROWTH.

3. FORTUNATELY, A NUMBER OF OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS SHARE OUR CONVICTION THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK MAKES INTER-

NATIONAL COOPERATION MANDATORY. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE RECENT MEETING HERE IN DAKAR OF LE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL. MUCH OF THE CREDIT IS DUE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SAHEL STATES AND DONOR NATIONS, WORKING TOGETHER, WILL BE ABLE TO FORMULATE AND FINANCE A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE A MORE SECURE LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THIS AREA OF THE WORLD. I CAN ASSURE YOU OF THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THIS OBJECTIVE. UNQUOTE. SISCO

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